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## JAIL FOR BRIDGEWATER MAN WHO EXPOSED HIMSELF TO CHILDREN ON A SCHOOL BUS

**BROCKTON** – A Bridgewater man has pleaded guilty to charges he exposed himself to three children riding on a schoolbus in Middleboro, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Wayne Haskell (DOB: 04/05/67) of Bridgewater pleaded guilty to three counts of Open and Gross Lewdness. Haskell, who was listed as a Level 2 Sex Offender with Bridgewater Police at the time of the incident, pleaded guilty today to three counts of Open and Gross Lewdness. Brockton Superior Court Judge Cornelius Moriarty sentenced Haskell to serve two years in the House of Corrections to be followed by five years of Probation with conditions. Those conditions include that Haskell wear a GPS monitoring bracelet, undergo sex offender treatment, have no unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16, sustain from drugs and alcohol and undergo a substance abuse evaluation with treatment, if necessary. The Commonwealth had requested that Haskell be sentenced to serve six years in State Prison.

The investigation found that sometime between 8:20 and 8:30 am on March 10, 2016, two students sitting in a school bus stopped at the traffic light at the intersection of South Main and East Grove Streets in Middleboro, saw a light colored SUV pull up next to their school bus and come to a stop. Witnesses told police they saw the lone occupant in the SUV, later determined to be Haskell, wave to the children. The children then saw the man with his hand in his lap, moving in an up and downward motion and his naked body exposed. They notified their parents, who contacted Middleboro Police.

On March 17, 2016, three students riding the same bus on their way to school witnessed a lone male in a Jeep pull up to the school bus where Haskell shook his exposed genitalia at the school children.

Middleboro Police detectives used witness interviews and video surveillance from both the bus and nearby businesses along the bus route to identify the Jeep Grand

Cherokee Haskell was driving and put out a police bulletin. On April 5, 2016, police observed the Jeep travelling in Middleboro which fit the description provided by the children and resembled the Jeep from the video surveillance. That vehicle was registered to Wayne Haskell. All three children selected Wayne Haskell in a photo array. Haskell was arrested on May 9, 2016 by Middleboro Police and was indicted on the charges on August 30, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Vanessa Madge prosecuted the case, which was investigated by Middleboro Police.

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